

in Portland last week, he had a conference with Col. Fairfield, Mr. Williams, Gov. Kent, Col. Davis and others, who met him there on his invitation, and he admitted to them the proposition of the British Government. They were unanimous in the opinion that Mr. M. could not agree to it, and they regarded it, although he could, if not designed, to make a further and more direct test of the ratio to the balance of the State, by delaying any equitable settlement. What action the Governor and Council may take on the subject, we do not know, but understand that the Governor and the other gentlemen who were consulted at Portland, comprised Mr. Forey's thane, by making a counter proposition such as they thought Maine could agree to.

It is now probable, that the President will take prompt and immediate action in the premises.

Anniversary of American Independence.

The Anniversary of that great and glorious day, which constitutes a new era in the history of the whole human race, comes round before this paper can again issue from the press. It is a day which has been celebrated since the American Independence, with the prophetic letter of John Adams a place in this day's paper, but our columns are unfortunately pre-occupied this morning.

We are happy to state, that arrangements have been made to celebrate the Anniversary in this City more than a century ago, and in the most appropriate manner.

The Richmond L. Blues have invited the Frederickburg Guards, commanded by Capt. Jackson, the Frederickburg Rifle Greys, commanded by Capt. Blackford, to dine with them at Bacon Quarter Branch on the 4th of July. Col. Musford will read the Declaration at the Spring.

Our guests will arrive on the evening of the 3d, at the camp on the Council Chamber Hill—the Rifle Greys will arrive on the morning of the 4th at breakfast, and will quarter at the Swan Tavern.

The line will be formed at the City Hall at ten o'clock, and will march to the Military Hill, where it is understood the Blues will have prepared some refreshments of which we are sure the military and many of their friends will partake.

Soon after 12, the line will be formed again, and return to the Capital Square, from which point, after firing the salutes, the Blues with their guests will march Bacon Quarter Branch to dine.

Our Guard will be decorated with flags and evergreens, for the collation at 11.

The Blues will not turn out to receive their Frederickburg guests as they arrive, on account of the hour; after the ceremony till the morning of the 4th, at about 9 o'clock—just preceding the formation of the entire line at the City Hall, at 10.

The exercises take place at Mr. Pollock's Church, at 11 o'clock—got up by the Richmond Lyceum, and other literary societies.

The Artillery, Capt. Richardson, dine at Gambell Hill—the Washington Rifles, Capt. Lyons, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robertson, Capt. Robertson Buchanan's Springs, with their several guests.

The following is the Programme of the celebration in the Presbyterian Church:

FOURTH OF JULY, 1859.

By the Richmond Lyceum, Virginia Institute, Richmond Hill School, and the Friends of the Cause.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

I.
Anthem—"Before Jehovah's awful Throne"
II.
PRAYER.
III.
READING DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.
IV.
OILS.—By L. R. Stortzer—*See by Mozart*.
Anthem to be sung by the choir.
A vocal of brother's arm and strength—
Age, with its hoars of silver grey,
And bright-eyed youth, a joyous throng,
A creamy infant close to round,
And beauteous where our fathers stand,
When, sternly upon their knees bowed,
This day was sealed with precious blood.

A gentle voice comes stealing on,
As slowly back we turn our gaze,
While faintly flitting o'er the scene,
Tidings by us men of other days;
It tones are of the olden time,
It solemn spells are of great omen,
"Thill heart meets heart, in holy chime,
Turn'd by the loved and cherished past,
Ye spirits of the exalted clime,
Be round to us this glorious day;
Take pure our souls from taints of crime,
While Freedom's lighted quiver our way;
Lest flowers, sweet and precious, spring
In all the world's unfaded ring,
"Till, with an endless hallowing,
O'er all the World for Freedom dwells.
V.
ORATION.
VI.
NATIONAL HYMN.
"America, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty," &c.
[7] The body of the house is reserved for the ladies.
The side pews and galleries may be occupied by persons
Members of the different literary associations.
Requested to take their seats in the lower right-hand
pews.
We understand, that Mr. Macfarland, the orator
has been applied to, has made no preparation for a
oration, not having had the leisure; but he has promised
the society, that they shall not be wholly disappointed
in his aid on this occasion. He, therefore, is usual
to raise expectations, by being announced in the paper
as the orator of the day. We confess we shall be disap-
pointed, if his extempore remarks be not very appropri-
ate and effective.

MR. TYLER.

The R. Whig has published the following extract from Mr. T. "To a friend, I reply to one who writes me, 'The R. Whig calls it a letter, and up to the hilt':—

"You have done me no more than naked justice in contradicting the report to which you allude, and which you state to have originated with me. I have never declared a preference for Mr. Van Buren over Mr. Clay, nor decided in reverse. I regard Mr. Van Buren as a man of high character, and one who will, with decided favor, and believe that he would, if elected to the Presidency, give to the country a wise, temperate and patriotic Administration. He has been, from time to time, the subject of the grossest and most defamatory assaults, but no man has been so abused as I have. I work to indicate no man better than myself. We may be the objects of the Harrisburg Convention, which is to assemble next December, for the purpose of nominating a President and Vice President. I cannot tell, any that a Whig should do so, should be in express preference for Mr. men, without a doubt, that I should be for others who may obtain the nomination.—And while I have a decided preference for Mr. Clay over others who have been named, I respect myself, as every freeman should, the right of doing, in full view of all the facts, after the nomination has been made."

We are now, we have some curiosity to see the right letter, to let it hit it may. It is said, there are some things in it, which lift the curtain a little higher than usual, to publish, we can only express our little surprise, as to the fact, that the R. Whig, as we are astonished that any politician, who has professed favor of the State's Rights' School, can "regard with disfavor," the election of such a latitudinous Constructive as H. Clay. His supporters had better shift their hats at once, and take the title which appropriately belongs to the Federal Union.

Thanks be to the good people of Virginia! They will regard Mr. Clay with such "decided favor" as he will be condemned before their august tribunals, the issue come when it may. The name of Mr. T. cannot bolster him up. In fact, instead of adding a

The R Whig has claimed Mr. Carpenter of Allegheny as a Conservative; but, the letter of the "Allegheny" which we copy from the Valley Star, sets that matter right. Mr. C. has pledged himself to vote against Mr. Rives, and for an Administration Senator—in twelve days' debate, on a question more important than his calculations sky high. It has been published two letters, to show that the *Impracticables* Whigs will back out. One of those letters seems to use its face, from one of those who voted against Mr. R. last winter; the other, from some one in Allegheny, Gilmer and Southall. We have no color to the statement; but the Whig is perfectly in a fog if it breathes from this one Impracticable to the course of his brethren. We are more and more confirmed in our belief that Mr. Rives cannot be elected; and that if the Conservative should stick to him, in spite of recent revolutionary resolutions, he will be elected. We do not speak rashly. We had the pleasure of seeing one of the Impracticables last week, and we are satisfied, that he will never shift his ground, unless he be instructed to do so; and indeed, he pledged himself to his people not to do so for Mr. Rives. There are four of these Rives Whigs (perhaps more) in the Valley Star, and one in the R. Whig. Mr. Clay—and there is Mr. Reynolds of Nashville, who publicly pledged himself against Mr. Rives—there are five Impracticable Whigs, five and unalterably their course; and the votes of three of these are sufficient to defeat Mr. R.—But there are three more Impracticables, and the Whig only desires to fight them

POLITICS

We include in our ellipse, of course, that the Whig members of the Legislature, and the "practical politicians," the Alexandria Gazette has this paragraph about them: "It is stated that, if Mr. Rives should be elected, he would be the only member of the Opposition candidate for Senator, at the next meeting of the Virginia Legislature, Mr. Gilmer and Mr. Southall, the Delegates from Albemarle, will be re-elected by Mr. Rives. We trust that this report may be correct, and we believe it is. We do not believe that these gentlemen will be impracticable. They are, we think, men of sense. After Mr. Gilmer's last Letter to the Constitution, we do not believe that he will vote for Mr. Rives, unless he shows his hand—and the last time he showed his hand, he showed it as a member of the Louisville Republican, says enough to satisfy us that he will not throw off the mask. What stays this man's piece? This paper, which lately declared in the most unqualified terms its opinion, that Mr. Rives cannot